



To: Dr. Joel Boyd, Superintendent of Schools
From: Latifah Phillips, Chief Equity and Engagement Officer
Date: August 6, 2021
Re: 2021-22 Student Handbooks

The Office of Equity and Community Empowerment is submitting the 2021-22 Elementary and Middle School Student Handbook and the 2021-22 High School Student Handbook for review and approval. A team of staff reviewed the prior year's content to determine any changes needing to be made. Upon completing the review, the handbooks are being submitted with the following changes:

- Updated legal references;
- Updated procedures pertaining to discipline of students (Elem/Middle School pages 2-5 & 2-7; High School pages 43-45);
- Updated procedures pertaining to discipline of students with special needs or 504 plans (Elem/Middle School Appendix H1-H3; High School pages 62-64);
- Removed language referring to the 2020-21 temporary COVID-19 policies and procedures and updated language to reflect current guidance from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (Elem/Middle pages 1-21-1-22; High School pages 34-35);
- Updated MCAS guidance (High School pages 16-18);
- Add language which reflects the district's Harassment and Sexual Harassment policies (pending policy approval).